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Don't raise
fees -

Boats don't
have VHF now
you will cause
more high risk
with increase fees.

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FCC,

I'M WRITING IN REGARDS

TO PROPOSED FCC REGULATORY
FEES THAT WOULD DOUBLE
THE FEE FOR VHF RADIO
LICENSES.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU
TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE
EFFECT THIS COULD HAVE
ON SAFETY OF RECREATIONAL
BOATING IN PARTICULAR AND
BOATING IN GENERAL. MANY
PEOPLE WOULD GO WITHOUT RADIOS
FOR AN EXAMPLE

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SECRETARY
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M STREET NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

Dear Secretary,

I have read that the FCC plans to increase the radio license fee for recreational boaters (ship station license) from the present \$35 to \$70 for a five year license or \$105 for a ten year license.

Doubling of the existing license fee will act as a disincentive for recreational boaters and other non-compulsory radio equipped vessels to carry the standard VHF radio equipment. I believe that this change may be instrumental in reducing the number of vessels equipped with a VHF Marine radio transmitter. This will severely impede the marine safety aspects of distress calling capabilities. Therefore this planned change is not in the public interest and should not be instituted.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

David R. Mathias



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Secretary of FCC
c/o Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW
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FCC - MAIL ROOM

It has been brought to my attention that the FCC feels justified in levying an additional \$35.00 fee on recreational marine VHF radio licenses. This notification truly concerns me because there is absolutely no added-value that boaters such as myself will receive in return from your organization. The main purpose of purchasing a marine radio is for safety and since purchase is not mandatory, boaters may make the wrong decision based on your fees..

My neighbor (and his wife) are licensed HAM radio operators. They have quite a tower and boy do they interfere with our telephone and television reception, and that of many other neighbors. Our neighbor is a nice man and he has encouraged us to call the FCC to see how the interference can be eliminated. Our calls to the FCC elicited a response that "we don't get involved in that anymore". Well, if you can't (or don't want to) control a powerful communication device like a HAM radio - why should I send you \$35.00 of hard earned money for nothing?

In private business today, if you don't add value for your customers you cease to exist. I suggest that your organization must seek ways to add value or it must cease to exist. I say no to this proposed increase. I hope that my peers do the same.

Respectfully,



Dick Palmby
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cc: Editor, Boat/U.S.

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Secretary of the FCC
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a pleasure boater I am most concerned about your plans to increase the radio fee for boaters and other mariners. I believe that recreational boating safety may be jeopardized by such action since many people may opt not to have VHF radios on board their vessels. I want to have the peace of mind provided by knowing that I am able to contact anyone in a boat should I need assistance or be able to contact others in case I can provide assistance to someone else. I am opposed to your plan for an increase in VHF marine radio licensing.

Very truly yours,



Garwood Whaley

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December 7, 1993

Secretary of FCC
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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Proposed VHF Marine License "User Fees"

Dear Staff:

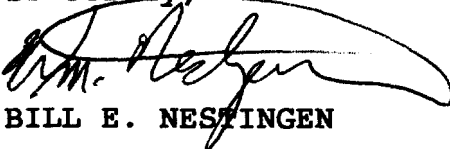
I am an owner of a small boat and am contemplating buying a small VHF system for safety reasons.

On a recent outing I was almost blown out to sea in a desolate area. A radio would have made the critical difference.

Please don't tax safety. A revenue source should not be tapped if it will be a disincentive for purchasing safety equipment. A "User fee" on life jackets would be profitable but absurd; so would a user fee on VHF radios.

People may not be able to follow the good sense to pack a radio no matter what it costs. People, in their infinite wisdom, will think with their wallets first. Don't discourage us from doing the right thing.

Sincerely,


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